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REMARKS

The Office action dated April 12, 2005 and the cited references have been carefully considered.

Status of the Claims

Claims 14, 15, 18, and 21-26 are pending. Claims 27-30 are new, reciting subject matter already disclosed in the original specification or claims. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 14, 15, 18, and 21-30 will be pending following entry of this amendment.

Claims 14, 15, 18, and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, allegedly because the specification does not provide enablement for any aromatic group covalently attached to any linking group. The Applicants respectfully traverse all of these rejections for the reasons set forth below.

Remarks on New Claims 27-30

Support for the limitation of "each R group comprises an aromatic group having a linking group that covalently attaches the aromatic group to a silicon atom; . . . and wherein an attachment of the aromatic group to the silicon atom results from a hydrosilylation of an allylic functional group on the aromatic group" is found in Paragraph [0016]. That paragraph discloses a non-limiting method of synthesizing an aromatic-based siloxane macromonomer of the present invention. Such a macromonomer can be made by a two-step process. In the first step, a silicone hydride-containing macromonomer is made. In the second step, this silicone-hydride macromonomer is reacted with an allylic functionalized aromatic to attach the aromatic group to the silicon atom. Thus, the side group R comprises the aromatic group covalently attached to the silicon atom by the hydrosilylation of an allylic functional group.

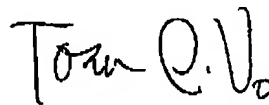
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Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

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In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are patentable and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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